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Annual service plan approved with \$3M increase to budget

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

An overall increase of \$3,634,196 to the previously approved Sept. 2021 budget was brought to the board of health by Dr. Natalie Bocking.

The annual service plan has to be submitted to the Ministry of Health and includes the health unit's budget for the year of 2022.

Bocking said the changes were due to the health unit experiencing surge demands not previously experienced due to the Omicron variant and wave, in both COVID team and immunization.

"I think we knew theoretically what a different variant could do and demand of us," Bocking said. "But experiencing it

has some realizations that hit home."

The Omicron wave also resulted in some Ontario Public Health Standards programs falling further behind, and catch-up costs due to that, said Bocking.

She also cited confirmed funding from the Ministry of Health for the school-focused nursing initiative to the end of 2022; communication of the ministry for a one per cent increase to the base budget, as well as continued one-time funding for ongoing COVID-19 response and recovery activities.

The one per cent ministry increase totalled \$118,130, the school-focused nurses initiative resulted in \$336,000, the COVID one-time provincial funding was \$3,081,823 encompassing the general program, vaccine program and recovery, and

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County one step closer to finalizing shoreline bylaw

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

County councillors are expecting to see a "clean" version of the shoreline preservation bylaw at a meeting in April.

In a three-hour discussion on March 9, councillors reviewed recommendations of the draft bylaw section by section, asking questions of definitions, looking for clarity on details including what consti-

tutes a minor or major project, and largely expressing support of a 20-metre setback distance, rather than the 30-metre buffer zone recommended by consultants that had been met with public criticism.

The county began the process of creating a shoreline preservation bylaw aimed at protecting lake health in 2017, opting in 2020 to scrap the in-house process that had been undertaken and instead hire a consultant to help create what had been

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Hair raising fun

The Braun siblings, Jordan, 10, and younger sister Paisley, five, share a laugh while tobogganing down a hill, with a high of 15 degrees Celsius on Thursday, March 17 at Glebe Park in Haliburton. The sisters were soaking in the sun and the descents, as part of their time away from local schools because of March break with brothers Remington, Carter and Wyatt. See more photos on page 14. /DARREN LUM Staff

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other one-time funding totalled \$98,243.

Salaries were the largest component of the budget, according to Bocking, totalling \$2,152,181 with \$507,929 in benefits.

"At this point in time the ministry has not indicated the level of funding for all one-term commitment that will see the integration of COVID into our long-term communicable disease programming, hence why we're still continuing with some contract staff until the end of this year."

An increase in expenditures totalling \$974,087 is also noted.

"Largely, as a result of using actual costs from the first months of 2022, when we were in the midst of the Omicron wave, and the significant surge in COVID immunization demands."

Bocking said she wasn't anticipating any changes, nor was she requesting any changes to the contribution of the municipalities.

"This is all related to provincial funding," she said, and was COVID-related with the hopes of recovery.

Updated health unit dashboard now shows cases by municipality

Changes to the COVID-19 dashboard include that data by municipality is now reported. At the time of the board of health meeting, data showed that in 2022, 81 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Dysart et al, 64 cases in Minden Hills, 24 cases in Highlands East and 17 cases in Algonquin Highlands. Four hospitalizations due to COVID have occurred in Dysart et al, while one has occurred in Algonquin Highlands.

The dashboard now also shows historical COVID-19 data from March 2020 to Dec. 2021, with 91 cases and one hospitalization reported in Minden Hills, 87 cases and one hospitalization reported in Dysart et al, 35 cases with no hospitalizations reported in Algonquin Highlands and 18 cases, two hospitalizations and the county's one confirmed death reported in Highlands East.

Reporting data by municipality is a new feature on the dashboard – previously at the beginning of the pandemic, the health unit would not release that informa-

tion despite media and public inquiry, citing "the legal responsibility to protect personal health information it has collected under various pieces of legislation such as the Health Protection and Promotion Act."

Additionally, wastewater data showing seven-day average COVID-19 wastewater viral signal from Cobourg and Lindsay sewersheds as of Jan. 1 is now available on the health unit's website.

For more information visit hkpr.on.ca.

Education available to reduce animal bite occurrences

In 2021, the Environmental health team investigated 604 animal bites.

"This is huge," said Richard Ovcharovich, manager of the health protection division for the health unit. "Our animal bites have gone through the roof for the last five years."

Ovcharovich said the health unit is trying to reduce the number of incidents through education of the public, including presentations and information sessions.

The Keep Bites at Bay presentation for schools was made to 146 elementary students in Grades 1 through 7 at 11 schools in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

"The invitation went out to all schools and all school boards, but we only had requests come back from City of Kawartha Lakes Catholic school district," Ovcharovich said. "So we're hoping that we'll have a little more uptake this year in the other jurisdictions."

He said 20 animal specimens – seven cats, two dogs, one wolf, seven bats, two raccoons and one horse – had been submitted for rabies testing and all tested negative. Within the health unit region, 47 people were bitten by a wild or stray animal that couldn't be tested for rabies, so those bitten required post-exposure prophylaxis, or rabies vaccine, including 22 at Ross Memorial Hospital, 13 at Northumberland Hills Hospital, five at Minden's hospital and two at Haliburton's hospital, and five at Campbellford Memorial Hospital.

Surveillance for ticks, West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis

In order to be added to the provincial Lyme disease map, spring and fall tick dragging has to occur in the same places. Tick dragging was conducted at 14 sites throughout the health unit's region in the spring and fall – five times each in Northumberland County and City of Kawartha Lakes, and four times in Haliburton County. Through those sessions, 34 tickets were caught. Eight of those ticks tested positive for *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the bacteria or spirochete that causes Lyme disease. All positive samples were found in Northumberland County, which is considered an endemic area.

Three students conducted weekly mosquito trapping at 15 sites - five in each of the three counties (Haliburton County, City of Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland County) in the health unit district. Between June 10 and Aug. 26, 2021, 175 traps were submitted, with 18,444 mosquitoes collected. Zero pools tested positive for West Nile Virus, of 347 pools, or for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), of 20 pools.

"That does not mean we don't have West Nile or EEE in our community," Ovcharovich said. "It just means we didn't find it."

He said testing locations are changed from time to time, and are generally put in high-risk areas such as residential and school areas.

Pandemic resulting in overtime

The *Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, 1996*, requires organizations that receive public funding from the province to make public by March 31 the names, positions, salaries and total taxable benefits of employees paid \$100,000 or more in the previous calendar year.

According to a report from Bocking, the health unit is reporting 27 employees who earned over \$100,000 in 2021, 10 more than in 2020.

"That was all pandemic response related, largely overtime," Bocking said. "In a mix actually between individuals involved in actual COVID response, so case outbreak management, and then also vaccination, with vaccine clinics being high priority and lots of emphasis with very quick turnaround and roll-out times we had a number of employees that supported that initiative."

Bylaw changes expected in April

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a significantly controversial project. Since then, numerous opportunities for public feedback have been available through surveys and open houses and a draft bylaw has been created and then reviewed numerous times.

Minutes into the meeting, the Haliburton County Warden and Algonquin Highlands Mayor Liz Danielsen said it wasn't her expectation that the document would be passed that day, instead that councillors would discuss revisions with Jason Ferrigan, a senior planner from engineering and planning firm J.J. Richards and Associates, and Steve Stone, the county's director of planning, who were also in attendance at the virtual gathering.

The buffer zone recommended in the plan that restricts site alteration and the removal of vegetation within 30 metres of the high-water mark around waterbodies was discussed by councillors, with most agreeing they would support a zone of 20 metres instead, though a 30-metre zone is the provincial standard and also noted in local official plans. Currently, the county's existing tree preservation bylaw prohibits the cutting of trees within that area, known as "the ribbon of life," for its ecological importance.

"We've looked at it and looked at it and looked at it, but the one outstanding thing is the setback distance," Danielsen said. "Are we going to stick with the 30 metres that's been recommended and is consistent with other county documents, or are we going to get into a bidding war for different distances?"

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt noted that consultants and previous conversations had said that there's "still a good level of protection," at 20 metres.

Highlands East Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall said he didn't support 30 metres, as "there is really not a great amount of difference between 20 and 30 metres," and said of the

people who responded in the community, 63 per cent wanted the setback to be 20 metres or less.

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said he still supported 30 metres, but said for him the "ultimate goal" was passing the bylaw even if not all of the elements were to his liking.

Danielsen said her preference for a 30-metre setback was based on consistency and the recommendations they had received, but said she was open to 20 metres if that's what everyone else was agreeing to, with the opportunity to correct the number later "if we find we've made an error."

Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy said he would prefer 10 metres, or 15 max, "to be consistent with the province of Quebec. I'll live with what the other councillors are saying but that's my personal vote."

Ryall, Moffatt, Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton, Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts and Minden Hills Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell all supported a 20-metre setback.

Moffatt said there are external factors that have been acknowledged that also make an impact on shoreline health.

"Wakeboats, invasive species - we spent more time on a shoreline bylaw than we've ever talked about invasive species - the damage from geese, we now have cormorants in the area and they are a disaster," she said. "Climate change is going to heavily impact fluctuating water levels, which really impact our shorelines because we don't have the same steady littoral zones that other non-reservoir lake systems would have. I think it's important to continually be attentive to those factors that are incredibly frustrating, beyond our control, and that we are asking property owners to bear the burden of their half of the lake health, when there's nothing we can do about the other side of it. That continues to be a real problem."

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— AH Mayor Carol Moffatt

Danielsen said councillors would continue following through with upper levels of government to "hammer away at some of those issues in whatever way we can."

Moffatt also stressed the need for a plan for public education and for information in a simplified manner so property owners wouldn't have to sift through the bylaw for answers.

Changes requested during the March 9 meeting will be made to the bylaw, which will come back to council in April along with a step-by-step implementation policy.

For more information on the draft bylaw visit <https://haliburton.civicweb.net/> or watch the meeting in its entirety via the County of Haliburton YouTube page.

Clarifying the health risk associated with radon

CHRIS DROST

Staff Reporter

In response to the *Haliburton Echo* article, *Radon in the home is major health risk* published on March 4, the *Echo* heard from the regional director of the Canadian Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists (CARST) with concerns about how a quote within the article could potentially mislead the public.

"First off, I applauded the radon coverage - this is certainly an important health concern that doesn't get enough press," said Erin Curry, regional director of CARST and project lead with Take Action on Radon. However, near the end of the article she was concerned that a quote from a municipal representative in Bancroft was in her words, "misleading."

Curry wanted to clarify that all buildings that are in contact with the soil can have elevated radon levels. This includes buildings that do not have a basement, even if the building is slab-on-grade.

Secondly, she points out that issues are not restricted primarily to older buildings.

"There are many newly constructed homes that have elevated radon levels," she says.

While Curry will reach out to the individual who was quoted, she says she did not want these comments to give readers a false sense of security when it comes to the risk for radon.

"Every home needs to be tested, it's as simple as that," she says.

"We recognize that municipalities are one of the best locations to get information, one that is trusted by residents. It is



It takes three months to complete a radon test in your home. Once completed, you simply mail the device in to the address provided and wait for the test results. If done through a municipal testing program, you may be able to drop the device off at a designated collection location. /Photo courtesy of Take Action on Radon

ated," Warkentin said.

Communities that want to apply can find the application through takeactiononradon.ca/resources/100-radon-test-kit-challenge/.

CARST is currently recruiting for communities to participate this fall. Since the March 4 *Echo* article noted that Haliburton, Kawartha Pine Ridge District had not been able to secure free test kits previously, Warkentin says that they have reached out to them to see if they would like to participate.

Once radon is detected in a building, it needs to be addressed.

"One of the unique things about Ontario is the municipalities can change their building code if they find high levels of radon in their community," Warkentin said.

Kingston for example, has changed its building code and has made the decision to test for radon in all its childcare centres and in all their public buildings. A list of the communities who have changed their building codes can be found at carst.ca/carstblog/7685273.

CARST is also pursuing radon mitigation renovation grants for fixing problems with radon. Some municipalities offer such grants for low income and vulnerable populations.

For those planning to build a new home, there is information available for home builders by visiting carst.ca/New-Residential-Construction. For more information about the report CARST has issued from the first three years of the 100 Radon Test Kit Challenge, visit takeactiononradon.ca/take-action-on-radon-preliminary-data-report-november-2021.

good if they can do an awareness campaign. We have a program for municipalities," CARST executive director Pam Warkentin said.

CARST can provide radon test kits at little or no cost. Usually, the first 100 are free and then they can provide them at cost. Municipalities can apply for them through the Take Action on Radon website (takeactiononradon.ca). It usually starts in the fall as this is the best time to start testing for radon. It takes about three months to complete the testing.

"We have been running this program for four years. It includes a report for the municipality after the three months. We

have found that when municipalities do a survey we get a lot better response, so we encourage municipalities to do that," Warkentin said.

"Ours is a turnkey program. We provide the test kits and have a distribution week, a virtual presentation [on how to use it], and a pick-up week after three months when participants can bring in their radon kit so it can be sent in for analysis. They can also mail in the kit. When a municipality gets involved, it gives a community a mindset for the testing, a framework with timelines and a deadline. Each individual gets their one individual report but a community report is also cre-

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Ontario seniors want home to be where they live out lives

Provincial government continue to invest in institutional care despite what aging population want

CHRIS DROST

Staff Reporter

Home and community care in Ontario is facing a crisis and some organizations that support individuals requiring support in their homes, are disappointed that the Ontario government is investing more in institutional care than providing help to allow seniors to age in their own homes.

On Jan. 31, the number of individuals on a waitlist in the Home and Community Care Support Services South East area, were 55 for nursing care and 503 for personal support workers.

A poll conducted by Campaign Research in 2021 revealed that 90 per cent of Ontarians aged 55 and older want to stay in their own home and remain out of the province's retirement and long-term care system as long as possible, especially since seeing the impact of COVID-19 on these institutions.

Although a high percentage of people would like to age in their own homes, the Ontario provincial government recently announced \$4.9 billion in funding over four years to increase direct resident care in long-term care homes. The Ministry of Long-Term Care has further announced \$270 million for long-term care homes to hire more staff.

A personal experience

Fay Martin of Minden, recognized for her leadership role in social services in the region, has her own personal story to tell about decision making around caring for a loved one at home rather than choosing institutional care. She is currently working on a memoir about the experience.

When Martin's husband, Michael Fay, developed dementia and other major health challenges, she was dedicated to caring for him in their home.

"I knew what public services were available and decided not to go that route," Martin said.

After making that conscious decision she recognized that she would have to take certain steps to make that possible.

"You need help before there is any evidence you need help," she said.

She began by building a basement suite in their home where a friend who was also a personal support worker could live and provide help as needed.

The second important step for Martin was to develop her own informal cadre of supports. This included friends who she could meet with, go for lunch and get a break from the constant care. During this time Martin did arrange for her husband to attend a day program where he could benefit from both exercise and some social interaction.

"I only had him diagnosed with dementia when I knew I wanted to access resources," she explains.

"I believe that all institutions from the moment they are staffed, begin to serve their end, not the patient," Martin said. She suggests care should be tailored to that of the person at that point in time. "For caregivers you have to ask, do I want to do that to a loved one? I knew I could do better for him," Martin said.

"For those without the physical or financial ability to take on the caregiver role, they are roadkill. Without a strong advocate the chance of a good outcome is hard to come by," she contends.

The arrangement Martin put in place for the final period of her husband's [life] worked well, in her words, "until that last two or three months ... If he had been in LTC during COVID-19, that would have been horrible."

Martin maintains that as you age you need to have someone on your side, an advocate.

"You need your kids down the line. The hard part of parenting is to keep kids on side through these hard decisions. You need to include the kids but it was her responsibility to make the decisions.

When her husband needed home care after surgery, Martin says that a nurse came every day as long as staffing and weather allowed.

"The system is under-resourced. There were different people every day. We educated nurse after nurse on changing the bandage as we did it when the nurse did not come," she explains.

"If you can't do it well, don't do it at all," stresses Martin.



Highlands resident Fay Martin was able to have her husband at their home in his final days. /DARREN LUM Staff

The system only works if someone responsible is there when the care is not there. Otherwise, the patient is getting sub-optimal care.

"The money did not go into home and community care when they cut back on hospitals, I think it was in the Mike Harris time. Now, \$41 million is going to Haliburton LTC. Most non-profits are not well-resourced. Most being developed are "for-profit," she said, with an obvious distaste for chain LTC homes. Martin believes that there will never be enough paid staff to provide 24-hour care and that goal should be to keep people out of LTC as long as possible.

"There needs to be continuity of care and it needs to be humanized with people who know the patient as a person," says Martin.

Investing in institutions is not what people want

In neighbouring Hastings-Lennox and Addington, MPP Daryl Kramp announced on March 18 that a new LTC residence in Madoc, the Clare McFaul Long-Term Care facility, will be privately operated and will provide 128 new beds. Lennox and Addington will expand the LTC spaces at the County General Hospital in Napanee by 128 beds. These beds are far from the homes and families for many whom will end up using them.

Sandra Phillips, executive director at North Hastings Community Integration Association (NHCA) says that Doug Cartan of Seniors for Social Action Ontario, made a presentation recently to the NHCA board and staff based on a report called, *Essays on Aging in Place*. It calls for a grassroots effort to make decision makers aware that funds should be invested into home and community care rather than putting people in institutions.

"We closed the institutions [for people with developmental disabilities], but now the government is focusing on putting the elderly in institutions. We are a community and our aging population is the same as other's. When you age, you have added need for support. Then what happens? We [NHCA] can't give the best quality of care. LTC is the only alternative. We advocate to the ministry for extra funds, but it is not always available. We can't provide 24/7 care," explains Phillips.

"Some people are put in long-term care homes and their family rarely visits. There needs to be guidelines and supervision of those regulations. The money and attention should be on keeping people in their homes. The government needs to do a lot better. We need to talk to our elected officials," says Lloyd Churchill, chair of the NHCA board of directors.

One of the other issues with the system is that it is not an integrated system, according to Phillips. Churchill agreed. "People don't know who to call," he says.

"We need to do two things, speak up and let decision makers know what you want, and secondly, to have an

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For caregivers you have to ask, do I want to do that to a loved one? I knew I could do better for him.

— Fay Martin

integrated system in place so people know what is available, says Phillips.

Exodus of home health care workers

According to statements by Deborah Simon, CEO of the Home and Community Support Organization (HCSO), an umbrella group representing more than 220 agencies that support individuals with nursing and personal care, day programs, rehabilitation and more, she referenced a survey by the HCSO showed the vacancy rates in 2021 for nurses and PSWs, nearly tripled. This can mean long wait lists for patients.

The exodus of health care workers in home and community care can be attributed to a number of factors. One key reason is that PSWs who work in homes and the community, who earn less than their counterparts in LTC homes or hospitals. According to a report in the *Toronto Star* on Feb. 22, by Deborah Simon from the HCSO, registered nurses working in home and community care make 32 per cent less than those working in hospital settings.

Martin said most personal health care workers do it because they like the work, they like getting to know the patient.

"[They are leaving the profession] because the pay is poor and they do not treat them respectfully. They only pay for face-time with the patient and do not pay for mileage to the first case of the day and from the last one. If you want adequate staff you need to create good jobs," she said.

When the Ford government moved ahead with Bill 124 in 2019, the wages of registered nurses, nurse practitioners and health-care professionals were suppressed, limiting wage increases to a maximum of one per cent total compensation for three years. This is believed to be a contributing factor in current vacancy rates in the health care profession.

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Ontario investing in helping people experiencing homelessness

New Homelessness Prevention Program Helping break the cycle of home insecurity

The Ontario government is investing an additional \$25 million annually in a new Homelessness Prevention Program to help more people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness find the right housing services and other supports.

The additional funding brings Ontario's total yearly investment in the program to close to \$464 million - almost half a billion dollars. This includes an increase of \$166,207.64 for a total of \$2,231,400 to help community members in the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County through the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager.

The new program will simplify and streamline operations so municipal service managers can spend less time on paperwork and more time working with their clients to help find housing and other supports and help those at-risk of homelessness stay in their homes.

"This additional investment and streamlined program will help more community members break the cycle of home insecurity by getting them connected to the services and supports they need faster and with fewer barriers," Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock said.

"This streamlining of various programs, along with this additional funding, will assist our community to have the flexibility needed to help address the housing needs that our residents face," said Michelle Corley, Human Services Manager, Housing for the City of Kawartha Lakes.

"Our government inherited a homelessness prevention system administered through several differ-

ent government programs that was underfunded, fragmented and overly complex," said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "With Ontario's new Homelessness Prevention Program, we are simplifying the delivery of services and increasing funding so our municipal partners can spend more time focusing on providing vulnerable Ontarians with the supports they need to stay in their homes or get the housing they need."

The Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) launching on April 1 combines three programs: Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative, Home for Good, and the Strong Communities Rent Supplement Program. It will give service managers more flexibility to target funding where it is needed the most and allow for greater financial accountability by measuring service managers' progress in reducing and preventing homelessness in their communities.

Access to this funding will be based on having in place a by-name list that meets the provincial requirements and contains detailed, up-to-date information from individuals experiencing homelessness to help connect them to local supports.

The government is also investing an additional \$6.7 million in the Indigenous Supportive Housing Program, bringing the total annual investment to \$30 million.

The shortage of housing supply impacts all Ontarians, no matter their background or budget. The province's ongoing work to increase the supply of market housing complements historic investments to increase the supply of supportive and affordable housing for the most vul-

nerable. As part of the consultations through the Community Housing Renewal Strategy, the government is working with service managers and housing providers to make community housing more efficient and sustainable - helping to protect essential community housing stock and ensure Ontario's most vulnerable people remain housed.

Quick facts

The new investments can be used to fund the operation of supportive housing units created through the province's \$1 billion Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) - one of the biggest investments the province has made in affordable housing and homelessness supports in Ontario's history. Thanks to Ontario's SSRF, the government is helping to create approximately 1,200 new supportive housing units.

Ontario is also providing the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness with up to \$600,000 in 2022-23 to deliver by-name list training and implementation support related to HPP.

HPP is a direct response to feedback from the 2020-21 Supportive Housing Consultation. The changes made through the creation of the new program address recommendations in the Auditor General's 2021 value-for-money audit on homelessness.

Submitted by Laurie Scott's office

Home and community care has Scandinavian success story

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Lack of oversight

In June 2020, Ford's government passed Bill 175, Connecting People to Home and Community Care Act 2020. Concerns raised by the Ontario Health Coalition were that it gutted the existing home and community care legislation, dismantled public oversight and parcelled out public home care functions to private providers.

Prior to the last provincial election, the Liberal government under Kathleen Wynne, had promised to invest \$650 in home care over the next three years. When the government was defeated, Ford's government made cuts to both LTC and elder care in 2019/20, spending \$466 million less than promised for health care, including public health and LTC, according to the Financial

Accountability Office. Everyone is familiar with what happened in the LTC homes when COVID-19 hit.

The alternative approach, the one suggested by Seniors for Social Action Ontario, is to create a new comprehensive community-based home and health care support system, so people can age in place as their choice, one where there is enforcement of effective regulations and standards of care and support.

Learning from the experience of others

Other countries such as Denmark, have been very successful in creating home and community care for seniors rather than focusing on institutionalized care. They use a person-centred approach and a mix of new technologies

to help families look after their loved ones. Some of those technologies include digital support for family care givers, use of pill robots to ensure accurate and timely medication, musical pillows, a blanket that hugs patients to improve as sense of well-being, emergency call devices, sensor technology and mobility monitors that keep patients active.

A focus on improving the physical working environment for health care workers by providing innovative technologies is freeing up more time for personal and primary care. These include such things as modern and flexible bathroom solutions, patient turning mechanisms and more.

"We need to look at best practices in other countries instead of doing the same thing, and not what people want," concludes Phillips.



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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

It's a matter of perspective

WHEN MY father came to this country at 15 with a duffle bag of clothes and a hope for a brighter future he knew little about Canada. He just knew it was a start of another chapter in a place he now calls home.

For him it was an opportunity to find a new life, make money to send home and to leave the only place he knew in Macau, a country at the time that was still rebuilding after the Second World War. The Canadian flag we know now wasn't even around when he saw snow for the first time on the winter night he arrived in Toronto, which was just before the final push via an anxiety-inducing train trip where all he could see out his window was black and a blur of passing trees for hours on his way to Timmins where he toiled away serving drinks and food, and mopping floors day after day at his uncle's restaurant/bar for three years. He eventually returned to Toronto to resume his education and spent a lifetime working long hours in far-flung places like Flin Flon, Manitoba to make a life and raise a family. His life, my life and my brothers is tied to this country like so many immigrants and their children. I wonder what I'd be doing, if he stayed? So, when he flies the Canadian flag it's with this understanding. He is in many ways what contemporary Canada is built upon. This isn't to ignore the Indigenous peoples of this country, who were here long before and had an established society.

My father is like many who don't consume a lot of news. He's not fully cognizant of how the flag has been co-opted in the last few months by a segment of the population that feel their freedoms have been taken from them during the pandemic by health measures to reduce the transmission of a virus that has left the world reeling. He just sees them as disgruntled Canadians protesting with the flag. The flag still holds the idea of a dream fulfilled. He always says it's a free country and they can do what they want.



darren lum

Yes, a free country. Despite the perception we're losing our freedoms, the reality is we can go where we want and see who we want for the most part, with little interference. The occupation of Ottawa was an exhibition of that, as is the ongoing processions that have been held.

Perspective is a powerful thing though.

Read about how the Chinese Community Party has handled the pandemic, and it's clear their idea of a lockdown is one where no one is allowed to leave their residence, let alone travel to Florida to see Mickey Mouse. Yes, we have had health measures imposed. And, yes, there has been government mandates that have confounded.

The flag can be co-opted for causes that don't fit our idea of what it should be. It can be what it is, which is rep-

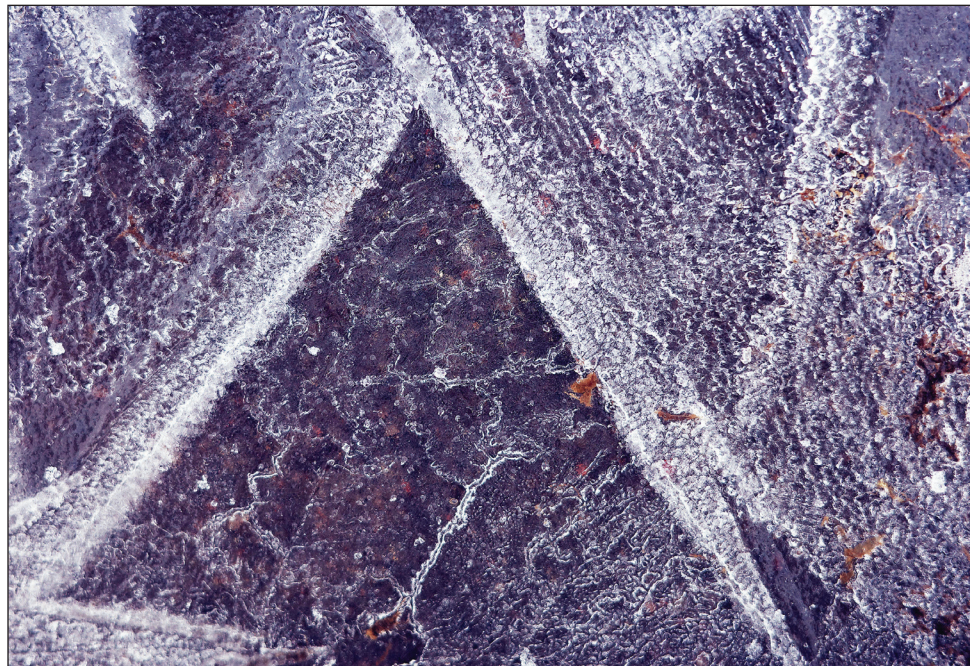
resentative of a country with a history that includes opportunity for some, tragedy for others and pride for all with perspective. At 155 years, we're a young country. Our flag is even younger. It came to be on Feb. 15, 1965 after much political debate. When someone talks about how our veterans from the last great war fought under our flag they're taking a page

out of the American patriotic playbook. The Canadian Red Ensign flag is what they fought under and was part of the resistance to the flag we now have.

With the invasion of Ukraine, and with the subsequent attacks on civilians by Russian soldiers, it's clear what the loss of freedom can mean for some. My father knows what war is about first hand, witnessing the brutality and the loss of freedoms that come when occupiers invade your country. He carries those invisible scars now.

My father will always see the flag for what it means to him: an opportunity and a dream fulfilled for a brighter future, which became the present that enabled his sons to be in a place where they can write about how they feel for a place that they call home.

Editorial



Textured surface

by Darren Lum

Sneaky ice

KITTY AND George sat watching the world go by. They never ceased to be amazed at the behaviour of humans. Of course George was more vocal about it, letting passersby know what he thought of their actions. Kitty on the other hand had more dignity, merely staring in disgust at some of the antics.

The two companions were sitting in the living room's bay window. They both agreed installing the new window was one of the smartest things their humans had done in a long time. After a pleasant breakfast, which sometimes included a nibble of egg or bacon added to their dishes, they now enjoyed watching the neighbours deal with late winter conditions outside.

While George enjoyed a walk no matter the weather, this time of year Kitty would only delicately pick her way on the bare spots trailing across the back deck. She wasn't interested in mud or mush under her immaculate paws. George was indiscriminate about what was under foot and always stood patiently while his humans wiped his feet as they entered the house.

Today was an especially enjoyable view from their perch as it had snowed the night before. They knew from the raised voices and halting steps that their humans were surprised to wake up to a late winter snowfall. Kitty always said March could be full of surprises. Unfortunately George never seemed to remember the weather from year to year so he was always grateful for her comments.

Both heads turned to watch a small car make the street corner with a sway and a slide. It was that kind of morning. The pretty landscape, white and lace-like to behold, promised interesting action. After the car straightened out and continued on its way, Kitty nudged George to look in the driveway.

Human number one had donned coat and boots to clear the snow from the SUV. She was using a broom to reach the vehicle's roof and push the snow onto the ground. Not being particularly tall, she found this worked the

best and if she reached as far as possible, she could clear the entire surface in one long swipe. Not a good idea, Kitty murmured to George. He turned to face her and asked why not?

She reminded him about the sneaky ice. With fluctuating temperatures, they were in the middle of a thaw and freeze cycle. Typical for this time of year, there was always ice in the morning and at night, turning to muddy water during the day. Sometimes the ice was smooth and clean, looking innocently harmless. If humans weren't vigilant they could mistake it for bare ground or smooth pavement. But then wham – down they'd go.

Actually Kitty rather enjoyed watching when this happened. The look of shocked surprise, sometimes followed by course language, always gave her a chuckle.

Those humans think they are so smart, she'd say to George, but the sneaky ice gets them every time.

George wasn't particularly interested in this however. He didn't want anything to happen to his own humans that might interfere with his walks or his meals. So now he watched her closely as she stretched out her arms and pushed

the broom, at the same time walking toward the front of the vehicle.

Not really paying attention to what was underfoot, she continued pushing, her focus on the snow she was walking. Then suddenly the broom went up and she went down.

George's heart stopped. Kitty smirked knowingly. Yup, she told George with an I-told-you-so expression on her face: fresh snow on ice was a killer every time.

Human number two, who had been on his way down the steps to help number one, also managed to lose his footing and went flying. Now very concerned, George began barking irrationally.

Kitty told him to stop because he would just upset their humans with all his noise. Besides he was distracting her. She wanted to see who would get up first, number one or number two. Sneaky ice, thought Kitty, just made the morning more interesting.

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points of view

Here come the 60s

I'm not the kind of person who makes a big deal out of birthdays, but this week I am turning 60, so I hope you indulge me as I make an exception.

It's still early in the game for me but, from what I can gather, 60 is a little different from all other ages I have stumbled through – most notably, because it's the first time that the government offers you the chance to recover some of the money you've been handing them throughout your working life.

Like many of you, I have often wondered why this is the age they first offer you the Canada Pension Plan. But now that I am here, I realize it is because by the time you reach 60, you have become used to great disappointment.

Speaking of disappointment, I have heard it said many times of late that 60 is the new 40 – although, admittedly, I have only heard this said by 60-year-olds. And every time I hear it, I can't help but smile and think, "Wow, 40 doesn't look so good these days."

I'm not sure I believe this any-ways.

That's because I have not heard a single 40-year-old go on about how 40 is the new 60, so something doesn't add up here.

As far as I can ascertain, 60 is the old 60 – and sometimes if you overdo it, the new 70.

Then again, age is just a number. What is interesting is that I can't say I feel any different than I did 20 years ago – but

only because I felt horrible then too.

Regardless of all this, I hope to enjoy my 60s for many reasons– not the least of which is that I am now at an age where no one will ever consider calling you to help them move – and if they do, you can say no and blame bursitis.

It has occurred to me that I am at an age where I can lounge around on private beaches. All I need to do is wear a Speedo.

Mostly, however, aside from all the wisdom I have accumulated in the last day or two, I feel the same as I ever did, but with the added bonus of knowing that I can now wear socks with sandals any time I want now. And I can also look forward to starting a really cool cardigan collection.

I'm sure there are many other benefits in store for me too. But the thing is, even though this body now has more mileage than the cars I could afford when I was a kid, my maturity level is still saying, "It's nothing that a racing stripe couldn't fix."

So there is that.

Sixty, as I see it, still looks like it could be a whole lot of fun. But, as milestone ages go, I'm not too excited about it. Honestly, I'll be far more excited as I approach 65. Heck, between now and then I will be counting down the days. You see, in 5 years, when I am 65, I am going to be eligible for a significant financial windfall from the government that I will be able to make use of and enjoy life with. It's going to be exciting, substantial, and maybe even something that gets me up in a good mood every morning. And I am truly looking forward to it.

Yup. At 65, I will no longer need to purchase a fishing licence.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

The International Cooperage mill at Eagle Lake, taken in 1935. Apparently the Cooperage set up in Eagle Lake in 1932 and this mill was completed and began producing barrel heads in 1933. They operated until 1954 when market changes brought about their closure. The mill in the photo burned down late-1935. It was replaced in 1936 by a new mill, which burned down in 1940. It was immediately replaced by the final mill, which lasted until they closed down. There are very few decent photographs of the first mill, for it only stood for two years, and is the best example available. During the terrible Haliburton forest fire of 1935, the Toronto newspapers came up here to cover the disaster. This picture appeared in a large photo spread on page 23 of the *Toronto Daily Star* dated May 28, 1935. The Cooperage was threatened by the fire, but escaped – ironically only to burn down later the same year through other causes more in keeping with the nature of the saw mill business. Photo submitted by Haliburton Highlands Museum, courtesy of the *Toronto Star* Archives at the Toronto Public Library.

Maintaining Haliburton's history

To the Editor,

There currently is a proposal to erase the history of one of our first settlers by changing the name of Brown Island in Soyers Lake. Haliburton Genealogy confirms the Brown family was enumerated as a farm family in the 1881 Canadian census living in Minden township.

George Brown and his wife Annie Heard were married in 1901. In 1921 George Brown obtained a Crown Patent for Brown Island. George died in 1939 and Annie died in 1960. They are buried in Haliburton's Evergreen Cemetery.

An applicant has applied to the Ontario Government to change the name of Brown Island to the name of his contractor friend. This process should not be about crediting a contractor friend but about maintaining Haliburton history. Haliburton has several other very good contractors. The applicant should look at other ways to honour Lee Blair without destroying Haliburton history. He states in the newspapers "confusion about the island's name" and gives other names.

In my family's connection to the lake since 1956 that is not correct.

All pertinent maps refer to the island as "Brown Island" including Canadian Topographical, Ontario Lakes, Google, Backroad Mapbook, Soyers Lake News Letters, and Haliburton County 911 Address Book (released 2005). There currently is an Ontario Government survey [ontario.ca/page/geographic-names-requesting-opinions-regarding-the-name-change-from "Brown Island" to "Lee Blair Island."](https://www.ontario.ca/page/geographic-names-requesting-opinions-regarding-the-name-change-from-Brown-Island-to-Lee-Blair-Island)

To provide your opinion regarding this, please fill out the survey which must be submitted by March 31, 2022. Destroying the honour bestowed upon our original settlers, the Brown family, our history and heritage should not be allowed.

Ron May,
Minden

Editor's note: The applicant bought Brown Island in the mid-1990s and began the process to change the name in 2017. The other names he said the island has known it to be are Blueberry Island or Camp Allsaw Island.

Letters to the Editor note: Submissions must not exceed 300 words, and are subject to editing for newspaper style and punctuation.



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Last guests of the snowmobile season head out before the snowmobile trails throughout the county closed. /Photo submitted by HCSA



The view from the Top B trail on the edge of Kushog Lake. /Photo by Fred Heinzler

Snowmobile season runs out of snow

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

As spring begins, the snowmobile season ends, with the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) calling an end to its 50th season on March 16.

Due to weather and a lack of significant snowfall, the 2021/2022 season had started three weeks late, but

stretched a week longer than usual and saw HCSA membership grow significantly.

"It was a very challenging winter," John Enright HCSA president said. "Lots of ice, hardly any snow, hard on the grooming machinery and the novice rider, and three meltdowns spaced 10 days apart."

Warm weather last week ended the season and closed the 370-kilometre trail network throughout the county.

"We have shut down the trails because we cannot

deliver a safe, rideable, intact experience," said a post on the association's social media. "Thanks to the weather and a snow deficit, HCSA trails are closed."

Enright thanked landowners who allow HCSA trails on their properties with no compensation, the association's volunteers who take on a variety of jobs, and the business community for their support.

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Head Lake Ice Out contest welcomes answers

Get your guesses in about when you think the ice will melt on Head Lake for a chance at a one-year subscription to the *Haliburton Echo*.

As a long-standing tradition, the Head Lake Ice Out contest has challenged readers and potential readers to send in their best guess of when, precisely, the final lump of ice will disappear like the a winter memory.

Send the date and time you think it will happen, along

with your name and contact number by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 28 in order to qualify. You can send in your guess via email to David Zilstra at david.zilstra@gmail.com, or by phone at 705-457-1037, or by dropping a note through our door at 146 Highland Street. The person whose guess is closest to the time of the ice melt, which will be determined by us and will be declared the winner. Good luck, and happy guessing!

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Haliburton embraces a sampling of Cologne

DARREN LUM

Editor

Last week during March break, a small group of revelers were finding joy from experiencing Karneval at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton courtesy of the Mardus family.

Karneval is an annual festivity in Germany with religious origins. It was an opportunity for people to indulge before Lent – a 40 day period observed by Catholics when they prepare for Easter by not consuming sweets or meat or not drink alcohol. The annual festivity varies from area to area in Germany, but some one million celebrate in the biggest version in the country in Cologne, where everyone is partying for the week. It's where the Mardus family experienced it and fell in love. The week includes children off from school, massive parades, with elaborate floats where candy is tossed to spectators, and costumes. Depending on where the event is held, it has a few different names such as Fastnacht and Fasching.

Married couple Meghan and Paul Mardus had worked as teachers at an international school and lived in Cologne, Germany from 2010 until 2019 when they moved to Haliburton to be closer to family. Bringing the German tradition back here was for their eldest children, Evelyn and Julian who were born in Germany, they said.

"It's such a significant part of Cologne culture. It was so significant, so important to our kids that we thought, even though there's so many amazing things they're going to embrace in Canada [including] traditions they're going to learn ... there are still some things from our time in Cologne we want to bring over," he said. "Yeah, so that kind of connection to a place where they were born."

He said although the children have taken to their Canadian life here, they missed Karneval.

"You know, they were excited to move to Canada, but that was one thing that they were sad about missing, [which] was Karneval. So, we thought, well, if we could bring a little bit of that here and introduce it to kids in Haliburton [than that would be ideal]," he said.

The couple, who are originally from Canada, had originally thought they would be in Germany for two or three years, but that extended to the point where their two eldest were born there. They moved back to where Meghan's family are from. Her father is Bob Chambers, who grew up in Carnarvon. Her parents retired here.

She acknowledged the religious origins, but recognized the timing of the event.

"It just seems like something fun to do in the middle of winter when you have the February [and] March doldrums. When you're getting tired of winter time it's just great fun to get out and celebrate with people. Costumes are always fun, especially for candy, costumes, candy and dancing," he said.

Karneval in Cologne was held Feb. 22 to March 2, but the Haliburton version was held to coincide with March break. Paul said it's almost like a second Halloween for children here.

Last year, the Mardus family held a small Karneval. With this year's event, they included about six friends for each of their children, with family to attend the event held at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. This shared the German tradition with a few dozen people and has given birth to hope for future events.

The Haliburton event may have been two weeks after the German version, but it was perfect timing, as far as it goes with March break.

Ukraine is not far from thoughts, particularly with family directly affected.

Paul's parents are both born in Germany. His sister, who was born in Canada is now living in Germany after marrying a German citizen. His extended family is in eastern region of Germany where they have welcomed Ukrainian refugees into their village.

"As fun as it is, we're still mindful that you know many people, many children in Ukraine and across Europe, these are tough times," he said.

The event included a raffle, which helped to raise more than \$100 for the Red Cross to support the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

"We had 45 people in attendance (our family included), which was a good number given that COVID is still a consideration. But there is definitely room at the arena for more guests, and we will invite even more families from our kids' school and hockey communities next year!" Meghan said.



There was a diverse range of costumes on display for the first ever Karneval at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton on Tuesday, March 15. Courtesy of the Mardus family of Haliburton, the Haliburton version of Karneval included a skating party, dancing and treats and included peers and their parents/guardians of the family's children. The Mardus family lived in Cologne, Germany from 2010 to 2019 and loved Karneval, which is a week-long carnival and includes costume wearing, dancing and parades where people will toss candy to the spectators in Germany. They hoped to bring the fun here and plan to hold Karneval again next year and include more people. /DARREN LUM Staff



The Mardus family of Meghan, who holds youngest child Freddie, from left, son Julian, daughter Evelyn and husband Paul invited a small group of revelers to the first ever Karneval in Haliburton.



Haliburton County Huskies forward Christian Stevens follows through with a shot on Trenton Golden Hawks goalie Ethan Taylor during Ontario Junior Hockey League action on Saturday, March 19 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The Huskies beat the visitors 2-1 in regulation, with goalie Christian Linton earning the win with a 40 save performance. /DARREN LUM Staff

Huskies taking its best shot to claim East Division

ALEX GALLACHER

Special to the Echo

In a rare treat, the Haliburton County Huskies played three games back to back to back. Taking on the Mississauga Chargers, Trenton Golden Hawks and Caledon Admirals, the Huskies won all three games to set their win streak at a franchise record seven games in a row.

On Friday, March 18, the Chargers were the unlucky victims of the Huskies red hot offence. The team's top scorer Oliver Tarr got the party started 24 seconds in, blasting a shot past Julian Molinaro to put the Huskies up 1-0. Bryce Richardson added his first tally on the powerplay three and half minutes later to double the Huskies' lead, 2-0.

Rookie AP (Affiliate Player) Declan Bowmaster made his claim for why he should be a permanent member of the team next year, after being called up from the Oshawa Generals AAA team he made his mark. Bowmaster hit the post on his very first OJHL (Ontario Junior Hockey League) shot, nearly scoring. His shot was then bashed in by West Guilford's Joe Boice for his second goal of the season. Bowmaster added another assist, after he set up Jonah Cochrane to make it 4-0 for the Huskies.

Tarr added his second of the period, before Chargers' player Jack Ziliotto snuck one past Christian Linton to make it 5-1. The final goal of the period came from an Isaac Sooklal deflection, at the end of the first giving the Huskies a massive 6-1 lead.

The rest of the games goals came during the second period.

Peyton Schaly added his 15th of the season, while Mississauga's Ryan Schaap tipped one past Linton. Tarr completed his hat trick on the power play, bringing his season goal total up to 30. Sam Solarino got the Huskies' final goal, while Mississauga's Owen Scisizzi made it a 9-3 final in favour of the Huskies.

With three assists on the night, Bowmaster's first OJHL game was a beaming success. Coming out of the gate strong, Bowmaster only found out he was playing two days prior to the game. However, he is eager for more.



Haliburton County Huskies players Christian Stevens and Peyton Schaly celebrate a goal during OJHL action on Saturday, March 19.

"It's an amazing opportunity," Bowmaster said. "To come up here with a great organization and have a great game, it's a lot of fun and it was a good team win. I found out I was playing two days ago. I came up for practice and coach [Ryan] Ramsay asked me to play. I wasn't going to turn that down, so I'm thankful I got to play."

On Saturday, March 19, the Huskies took on their arch rivals the Trenton Golden Hawks. With Huskies starting goalie Christian Cicigoi sitting out as a healthy scratch, it was up to Linton to play the game of his life and he delivered.

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Huskies complete three wins in as many days, with homestand

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After the first period saw neither team score, a fast paced aggressive game gave the capacity crowd in Minden lots of hype for the second. Bryce Richardson thought he had the first goal of the game, however the referees called it off. The ruling was the net was a few millimetres off the moorings, and with that the game was still tied.

A few minutes later, the first goal of the game finally came. At 6:17 of the second, Cameron Kosurko used some excellent vision to give Solarino a juicy rebound who buried the puck to give the Huskies the lead. In another stroke of luck, another goal was called off by referees. Richardson tipped in a point shot, however the officials declared it was hit with a high stick.

The Huskies did however get the goal back. Schaly picked off Trenton's Ryan O'Toole and darted towards the net. Ethan Taylor made the initial save, but Christian Stevens was there to knock in the rebound and double the Huskies lead.

The third saw the Golden Hawks toss everything they had at Linton. However, one more disallowed goal would go in favour of the Huskies. A point shot from Huskies blueliner Nathan Porter found its way in, but apparently nobody saw it and the teams played on while the Huskies protested the goal that should have counted.

With big hits being delivered by both teams, the Golden Hawks were at the mercy of the penalties. Taking four penalties during the game, Trenton's Aiden McIntosh was able finally find the net by tipping in a Dalton Bancroft shot. However, that would be it for both teams in the scoring department. Trenton pulled their goalie to mount an all-out assault on Linton, but an Austin D'Orazio slash to Solarino's head put the Huskies on the powerplay and the blue and white sealed the deal for the 2-1 win, which capped number six in a row.

With the Huskies locking down a playoff spot earlier this week, this game against the Golden Hawks was important as it showcased how close the Huskies' first round playoff matchup could be. With the Wellington Dukes pulling away with first place, the Huskies still have a chance to move up in the standings, but will need to be perfect as the season continues on.

Huskies goalkeeper Christian Linton played the game of his life and picked up win No.3 of the year. After a rocky start to



Haliburton County Huskies forward Lucas Stevenson is tripped up by Trenton Golden Hawks defender Lucas Robinson. /DARREN LUM Staff

the season, the goalie from Elora, Ontario was back in goal against the Caledon Admirals and was ready to complete the sweep.

After losing to the Admirals back in February, Caledon came to the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on a 13-game losing streak. Despite the visiting team's efforts to snap the streak, the Huskies red hot scoring was far too much to overcome. Huskies blueliner Jack Staniland got the party going smacking in a Schaly rebound, then Tarr tallied goal No.31 to double the lead, 2-0.

In the second period, Lucas Stevenson and Christian Stevens scored to make it 4-0 Huskies. The Admirals would get their only goal of the game by Josh Sinanan, but not after the Huskies added two more from Stevens and Lucas Marshall for a 6-1 lead.

Huskies forward Simon Rose netted the final goal of the game as the Huskies won 7-1. The Huskies went three for three and walked away with six points in three

days, outscoring their opponents 18-5. The Huskies will carry momentum from this perfect home stand to Mississauga on Wednesday, with a seven game winning streak on the line.

The next home game will be on Saturday March 26. Puck drops at 2:30 pm. It promises to be a heavyweight tilt against the Wellington Dukes followed by a rematch against the Trenton Golden Hawks on March 27 at 3:30 pm.

Playoff picture:

In the likelihood the Haliburton County Huskies win all their remaining games, they could finish first and face fourth place Cobourg Cougars as the top team in the East Division for the first round of playoffs. If the opening round were to start today, the Huskies would play the Trenton Golden Hawks in a best of three game series.



Haliburton County Huskies forward Oliver Tarr slips past Trenton Golden Hawks defender Ben Albright during Ontario Junior Hockey League action on Saturday, March 19.



Haliburton County Huskies forward Sam Solarino marks Trenton Golden Hawks forward Dalton Bancroft.

Folk Society
concert hits
right notes

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School alumnus Cassidy Taylor performs for close to 100 people at the Women of Song concert on Saturday, March 19 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton. It was organized by the Haliburton County Folk Society. The concert included area singer and songwriter Jess Knights, who was accompanied by local musician Nick Russell. The next concert is with singer and song writer Steve Poltz on April 23 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton. For more information about the upcoming date and Folk Society related information see www.haliburtonfolk.com. /DARREN LUM Staff



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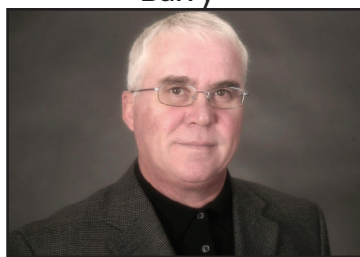
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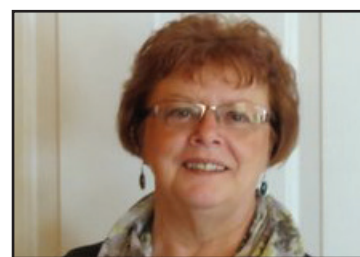
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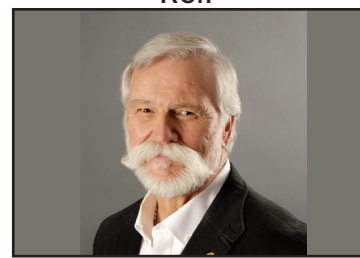
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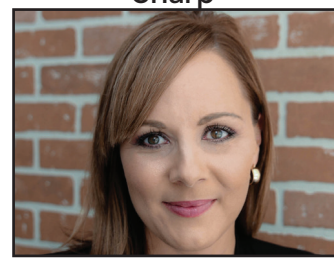
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Charging network expands across county

Five electric charging stations have now been installed across Haliburton County, part of a total of 32 recently installed around the province.

The Park and Charge, Ivy Charging Network's level two charging network, brings electric vehicle charging infrastructure to the Highlands in all four munic-

ipalities. They've been installed at the Algonquin Highlands township office on North Shore Road; Keith Tallman Memorial Arena in Wilberforce on Loop Road; the Welcome Centre in Haliburton at 9 York Street and two stations are located at the Minden Hills township office on 7 Milne Street. On March 9, the company announced it has also installed chargers in partnership with other municipalities including Port Hope, Orillia and Newmarket.

"We are excited to partner with the Ivy Charging Network to increase the number of charging stations in Haliburton County," said Haliburton County Warden Liz Danielsen. "We hope to support residents and visitors in increasing the number of hybrid and electric vehicles in our community. This is an important step toward reaching our climate change goals and transitioning to a low carbon future."

"We are excited to partner with the Ivy Charging Network to be able to house a charging station in Highlands East," said Mayor Dave Burton of Highlands East. "It is our hope to assist residents and visitors by providing charging stations for hybrid and electric vehicles. This initiative will assist Highlands East in reaching our climate change goals."

Ivy Charging Network, a joint venture between Hydro One and Ontario Power Generation with additional funding provided by Natural Resources Canada, opened its first Charge and Go location in 2019, and according to a March 9 press release plans to "connect Ontario from north to south and east to west."

Learn more at ivycharge.com.

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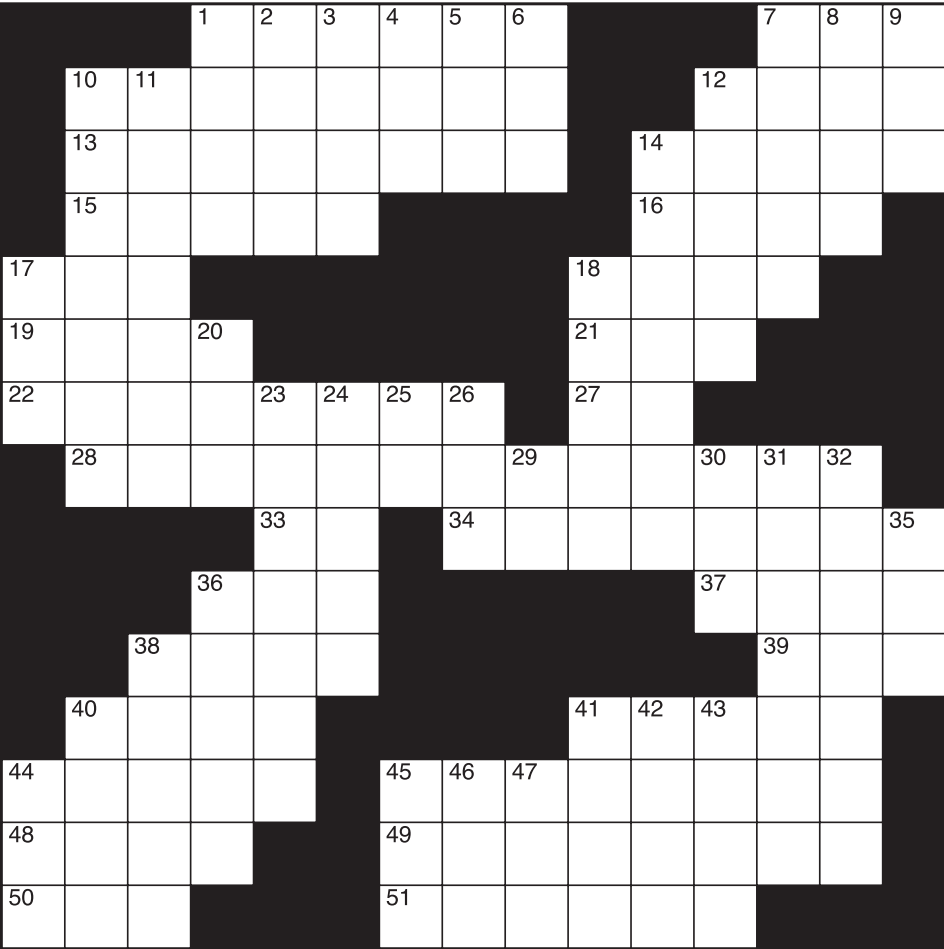
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A woman of refinement
- 7. Body part
- 10. One who imitates
- 12. Tropical Asian starlings
- 13. A type of delivery
- 14. W. Australian capital
- 15. Many wombs
- 16. Wings
- 17. Expression of amusement
- 18. Brews
- 19. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 21. Mild expression
- 22. Solitary
- 27. Distance to top
- 28. The rebirth of a soul in a new body
- 33. Police who investigate police (abbr.)
- 34. Begrudged
- 36. Popular sports league
- 37. Autonomous republic of Russia
- 38. Double-headed drum
- 39. Type of light bulb
- 40. Czech River
- 41. Male servants (Span.)
- 44. Previously
- 45. Minor
- 48. Metrical foot
- 49. Days that follow Mondays
- 50. Small European viper
- 51. News shows have one

- 5. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
- 6. Sea eagle
- 7. Jaguarundis
- 8. Poker stake
- 9. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 10. South American nation
- 11. A colorless, odorless gas
- 12. Disturbance
- 14. Artist's tool
- 17. Polish peninsula
- 18. Ottoman military leaders
- 20. Bird-like dinosaur
- 23. Drinking glass
- 24. Central Florida city
- 25. One's mother
- 26. To do it is human
- 29. Atomic #10
- 30. Used to write
- 31. The branch of medicine concerned with the ear
- 32. Adversaries
- 35. Have already done
- 36. One of conspicuous wealth
- 38. It flies over sporting events
- 40. Geological times
- 41. Net
- 42. Musical phrase
- 43. Chadic dialect
- 44. Private Internet Access (abbr.)
- 45. Lizard genus
- 46. Woman of the church
- 47. Having ten

Answers on page 16

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Inspiration
- 2. Resembling wings
- 3. Form of Persian
- 4. Consumed

A new track for Mixtape Vintage

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Special to the Echo

Mixtape Vintage hit fast forward to the next song in its playlist after three years of sharing a storefront on Highland Street in Haliburton Village with Russell Red Records. The store now has a location of its own in unit 5 of 83 Maple Avenue in Haliburton.

With a few more square feet of space compared to her previous section of the store at Russell Red Records, Mixtape Vintage owner Heidi Hudspith explains that she will now get to "focus all my energy on my own brand and create my dream storefront that is devoted to all things vintage."

She is excited to have a space of her own to design and curate.

Mixtape Vintage started in 2017 as an Instagram shop. It became a "brick and mortar" store two years later when they partnered with Russell Red Records.

Hudspith said, "I always wanted someone to open this type of store here in Haliburton and came to the realization that, if I wanted it to become a reality, I would have to do it myself!"

Hudspith says that Mixtape Vintage

"was born out of a passion for all things vintage and a desire to offer more ways for people to shop sustainably."

The name compares the act of creating a nostalgic playlist to curating a carefully-picked collection of vintage clothing, mostly from the 1960s-1980s.

"I like to collect pieces that are colourful, casual, playful and one of a kind. It's an added bonus if I find clothing that was made in Canada," Hudspith said. On top of vintage clothing, the store also offers locally-made goods such as candles, jewelry, potted plants, housewares, and more.

Hudspith is eager to grow her business, further develop its brand, collaborate with other creatives, and continue to expand her selection. After some fresh paint, new installations, and lots of incredible merchandise, the store was ready to re-open on March 17.

Mixtape Vintage now welcomes customers from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays. Hours will be extended to six days a week during summer months. You can also find Mixtape Vintage on instagram @mixtapevintage and online: www.mixtapevintage.com.



Bright reminder of winter's end

With the Municipality of Dysart et al's town hall at the right, the second last full moon of winter lit the sky on Thursday, March 17 above Haliburton. The moon's appearance last week marks the end of winter and the start of spring. /DARREN LUM Staff



Riding out March break
The Braun brothers Carter, 11, and younger brother Remington, three, have a go with the GT Snowracer at the toboggan hill on Thursday, March 17 at Glebe Park in Haliburton. The brothers were with siblings Jordan, Wyatt, and Paisley, who are all residents of Eagle Lake for what was porbably the last opportunity for some sledding this winter in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff



What a day to be at the hill where double-digit temperatures were experienced at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride during the March break week on Thursday, March 17 in Eagle Lake. Sir Sam's is looking to hold its Spring Splash on Saturday, March 26, but check for latest updates on their website. /DARREN LUM Staff

A skier launches into a spin from the lip of a jump at the end of the terrain park at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride.





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Staff Reporter

It has been just over three years since municipal councils began their current term of office. With the next municipal election now less than a year away, we have reached out to invite local political representatives to answer a few questions.

What is the cumulative time you have spend as a municipal representative for this municipality? (Is this your first term or have your served for multiple terms?)

This is my first term as a councillor in Dysart. I was previously on council in Minden Hills, as we also had a cottage on Gull Lake.

What in your personal background/experience has best helped you to be an effective member of council?

My business background focused on government, professional services and IT management. Since moving to Haliburton full time in 2008, I have been active in the Gull Lake Cottagers Association, a member of the Gull Lake Planning Committee; a director of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, and for the last 10 years, served on the Management Committee for U-Links community-based research with Trent University.

My involvement with lake planning and the Chamber of Commerce inspired me to run as a councillor in Minden Hills in 2010 to promote the need for planning and economic development. With U-Links, I have had an opportunity to see a broader need for community planning, and as a result, ran in 2018 to represent the interests of residents of Ward 2 in Dysart.



Dysart et al Councillor Larry Clarke wishes there had been earlier awareness of the impact of COVID-19 on the housing shortage. He suggests that earlier recognition of this issue may have enabled council to be proactive in promoting and supporting housing projects, including need for better management and oversight on short-term rentals./Submitted

Three years into this mandate, what do you believe has been this council's greatest achievement so far?

In 2019, council identified a number of opportunities to help grow the community, including initiatives with parks and recreation, housing, shoreline and lake health, a long-term master plan, and digitizing service and asset management.

With a funding opportunity, we were able to move forward and build the [Welcome] Centre in Head Lake Park, improving support for events and festivals for the community. With COVID-19 protocols over the past two years, necessary community meetings to explore future needs for recreation and parks had to be postponed. However, there has been opportunity to move forward with asset and service management systems, improve maintenance and management of our roads and waste management, and support county initiatives regarding the service delivery review and shoreline protection.

Is there anything council has made a decision in the past three years that you wish you could have a chance to re-do?

Prior to COVID-19, Haliburton had a very tight market for affordable and rental housing. With the number of new residents moving to the community resulting from COVID-19, we now have a significant shortage of housing. Earlier recognition of this issue may have enabled council to be proactive in promoting and supporting housing projects, including a need for better management and oversight on short term rentals. In these three plus years on Dysart council, it is apparent there is also a need to tighten up some of our planning, regulatory documentation and enforcement.

What is this council's greatest challenge in the year ahead?

Supporting business and community services with reopening. How businesses and services interact with customers and clients has changed. Demographics and needs in the community have changed. Business and government will face challenges recruiting staff and attracting employees due to skill shortages and lack of local housing. All these issues need to be addressed in the very near future to meet those changes.

What do you hope this council can achieve in its last months in office?

To determine critical services, programs and infrastructure to support business, community growth and the above changes. These require a long-term strategic plan. Creating a framework for this process will assist the next council in executing critical initiatives for the shared vision, long-term health and prosperity for our community. Without an agreed-upon plan, there is no direction for the next council.

Also important is completing or advancing initiatives started during this term of council at both the township and county levels. Determining what is effective shoreline protection and how it needs to be supported; management and licensing of short-term rentals to protect our environment and neighbourhoods; and identifying and establishing shared administration and infrastructure jointly supporting township and county programs and services, need to be completed.

REQUEST FOR TENDERS

**OPERATION OF THE CONCESSION BOOTH
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July 1, 2022 to June 15, 2024**

The Municipality of Dysart et al is requesting tenders for operation of the concession booth at the A.J. LaRue Arena. Tenders must be received on or before 3:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2022.

Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

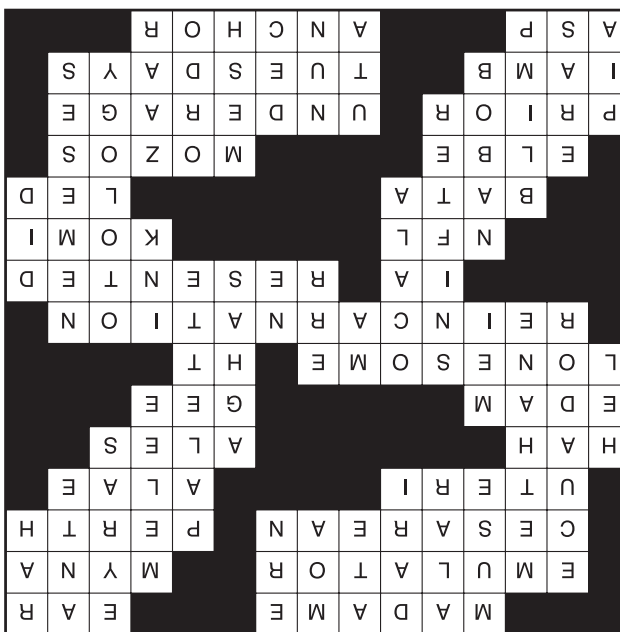
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Protest for climate action in Haliburton

Please join us for a climate action protest on Friday, March 25 from noon until 1 pm. We will meet in front of the locomotive in the village of Haliburton. This is part of a Global Climate Protest organized by Fridays for Future.

Although our focus has been redirected to the pandemic and now a war, climate change is still threatening life on this planet and we need ambitious action now.

The Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County (CCHC), and Environment Haliburton! (EH!) are collaborating to organize this protest. Our protest will be civil and respectful of all and we will follow the COVID protocols in effect at that time.

In a world of constant distractions and day-to-day concerns, it's important to pause and communicate the kind of world we want. When profits are valued over

people, too often the result is human suffering and ecological damage. Our vision is a world of justice, equality and sustainability.

We invite you to be part of this global movement towards a healthy, just society, on a restored planet. If you think you might like to join us, kindly send a short email to either Susan Hay, with EH! (info@concernedcitizenshc.ca) or Bonnie Roe, with CCHC (info@concernedcitizenshc.ca).

Please bring a sign. The theme for this

particular action is “#peoplenotprofit”, but signs saying “Climate Action Now,” “Climate Justice,” “Just Transition,” Social Justice, and the like are also welcome. We encourage you to look at the information about the Global Day of Climate Action that can be found here: <https://fridaysforfuture.org/march25/>

Submitted by Bonnie Roe, CCHC, and Susan Hay, EH!

Hearts are full in West G.

community news
west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

Company at last. After COVID restricted months, two of my near and dear arrived last weekend. Sister Mavis Swiston of Burlington and daughter Beth of St. Catharines came to celebrate birthday. We were all able to go in to visit Kathleen at Highland Wood where Beth got a photo of the four of us sisters together. A time of belated Christmas gifts and current birthday presents before the special supper rounded things off nicely. In the morning, June, Mavis and Beth and I attended St. George's Anglican Church service together. What joy to hear the three really good voices beside me.

Last Tuesday evening, Diane Madenik invited me to euchre at the West Guilford Community Centre. It was a total loss for me, but the players were so gracious to

me and forgave me for all the mistakes I made. Despite that, I enjoyed being with people who really knew the game and were happy to talk about their families and mine. They even gave me the prize of a dollar for being the most honest player – really for the lowest score!

On the more serious side, Jim Milne has undergone serious heart surgery last week and has come through it well. His wife Margaret proved positive for COVID a few days later so could not stay with him longer, but was in isolation and has completed her time.

Wayne Cooper remains in Lindsay at Ross Memorial Hospital due to swelling in his broken leg and must remain until the swelling has lessened, which will enable surgery to be completed. He is allowed cards and good wishes, which are greatly appreciated.

To end the column, sad news of the death of Cliff Davison, who had spent his past few years at Extendicare. His funeral and visitation are being held at Haliburton Community Funeral Home on March 23.

Virtual Emergency Privatization Summit coming up

If you care about the future of our healthcare system and the proposed cuts by the Ford government, please attend the Emergency Privatization Summit virtual event on Thursday, on March 31 at 7 p.m., and hear our group of experts outline what is being planned.

Hosted by the Haliburton-CKL Long Term-Care Coalition and Kawartha Lakes and Peterborough Health Coalitions, the event will show how we all

can help in our community to spread the word and be an informed voter on June 2.

Pre-register for this Zoom event in advance with this link: utoronto.zoom.us/j/94461222222. For more information contact Bonnie Roe at bonnieroe08@gmail.com.

Submitted by Bonnie Roe



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NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

DATE: Wednesday, April 13th, 2022
TIME: 11:00 am.
LOCATION: The Committee of Adjustment will be held as an electronic meeting only.
The meeting will be recorded through the conferencing application and live streamed to YouTube.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2022-007- Creber

- The following variances are requested to legalize the location of an existing dwelling on a property in the WR4L zone:
 - a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a dwelling to have a minimum water setback of 18.6 metres (61 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 20 metres (65.62 feet);
 - b) A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a dwelling to have an interior side lot line of 3.5 metres (11.5 feet) as opposed to the required 4.5 metres (14.76 ft).
- Location: Part Lot 29, Concession 12, Lot 9, Plan 619 in the Geographic Township of Guilford, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (Ocean Lane).

Council passed By-law 2020-69 to amends the Committee of Adjustment of the Municipality of Dysart et al's Procedural By-law to permit electronic participation in meetings. **There will not be an in-person meeting; this meeting will be conducted in an electronic format only.**

For more information about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Secretary-Treasurer at jiles@dysartetal.ca.

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by an agent for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept oral and written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

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- Preparing month and year-end working documentation
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In Loving Memory of

Aileen Ann Bruce

Passed away peacefully with family by her side on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at Matthews House Hospice, Alliston, she was 80 years old.

Beloved wife of the late John Bruce (1985).
Loved mother of Don Bruce (Trish), Cheri

Bruce and Jamie Bruce (Cindy). Loving grandma of Olivia, Ellory and Haden. Dear sister of Ted Underwood and predeceased by Robert Underwood. Respecting Aileen's wish, cremation has taken place and a Celebration of her life will be held in the Haliburton Community. Date to be confirmed. If so desired memorial donations to Matthews House Hospice, Alliston or Canoe FM - Community Radio, Haliburton would be appreciated.

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SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The Jetson age has arrived at Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

Beth Archibald showed last Friday how the new \$70,000 telemedicine suite looks and works.

The three television screens, computer, fax machine, two cameras and document scanner do not look like medical equipment but they are essential to a new way of delivering medical care. With a normal television remote control, these machines can link patients with doctors hundreds of kilometres away.

Archibald, the director of community health services, explained to a group of representatives from the Haliburton County Service Providers how the new \$70,000 suite at the Haliburton hospital can be used. The equipment creates an opportunity to communicate via video-conferencing or "telemedicine", allowing patients in Haliburton to meet with specialists and doctors anywhere in Ontario.

Archibald says HHHS chose to join the North Network because it is Canada's largest telemedicine organization. More than 500 physicians and 70 specialists use the system, along with professionals in allied health fields such as dietitians, physical therapists, occupational therapists, psychiatrists, and speech and language pathologists through more than 150 video-conferencing systems.

"Patients used to have to drive to the city prior to a hip replacement, for example, for a doctor to walk in and say 'How's your blood work?' and look at a chart. After a five-minute visit you go home. Now you can do that here," says Archibald.

The equipment enables anyone in the

See **Specialists** page 7



DARREN LUM/ECHO

Chipping away at winter

Linsey Trotter, a Bwana Johns employee, chops the ice leading to the entrance of the store located along Highland St., during a break in the cold with 12° temperatures on Thursday. The spring-like conditions were brief as snow fell the very next day.

Straw bale building is new home for 4Cs

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Plans are moving ahead for a new 4Cs building beside the Rails End Gallery.

Details were hashed out last week between project partners from Sir Sandford Fleming College, the 4Cs and Dysart et al. The municipality owns the building currently housing the 4Cs, a non-profit group that operates the Lily Ann clothing depot and the food bank on the other side of the Drag River. Councillor Leon Jones says he has wanted to tear down the Drag River Municipal Building for years but the municipality had nowhere else to house the 4Cs.

Ted Brandon, Fleming's operations manager, says the ideal solution became apparent when the college decided to offer a new course on sustainable building centered around straw bale construction.

See **Straw house** page 13



DARREN LUM/ECHO

Lily Ann volunteers Veronica Rohlmann and June Pockett organize clothing donations brought in Monday, Jan. 17. The cramped quarters at their current location makes organizing a difficult task for the volunteers and they look forward to having a bigger space built for them next to the Rails End Gallery.

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